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SUBJECT: NEW PROPOSALS TO AID SUGAR WORKERS

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS ISSUED JANUARY 14 A LETTER OF INSTRUCTION (LOI) WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF TO SUGAR WORKERS. THE LOI CONTAINS SEVEN SPECIFIC DECISIONS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE INDIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SUGAR WORKERS IN ORDER TO MEET THE MAJOR UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM PREDICTED FOR LATER THIS YEAR. THE SEVEN DECISIONS ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. CREATED AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE, WITH LABOR SECRETARY BLAS OPLE AS CHAIRMAN;

B. INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARY OF LABOR TO INTENSIFY SKILLS RETRAINING PROGRAMS;

C. INSTRUCTED VARIOUS AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS ALREADY APPROVED AND ORDERED THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO INITIATE A LIVESTOCK DISPERSAL PROGRAM FOR UNEMPLOYED SUGAR WORKERS;

D. ORDERED THE NGA TO GRANT EMERGENCY RICE LOANS TO PLANTERS TO ENABLE THEM TO RESTORE THE RICE ADVANCES MADE TO SUGAR WORKERS IN THE PAST;

E. DIRECTED THE PNB TO GUARANTEE RICE LOANS OF SUGAR PLANTERS;

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F. ORDERED PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE THEIR OWN PROJECTS TO BENEFIT WORKERS; AND

G. ORDERED THE BUDGET COMMISSION TO RELEASE PESO 2 MILLION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE DIRECTIVES.

2. COMMENT: THE LOI WAS ANNOUNCED WITH FANFARE, AND THE DECISIONS ARE DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT THE GOP IS CONCERNED, DECISIVE AND

POISED TO DO SOMETHING. BUT THE ONLY SOMETHING WHICH THE GOP
COULD THINK OF IS TO CREATE ANOTHER COMMITTEE -- THE INTER-
AGENCY TASK FORCE WHICH IS TO DESIGN PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE RELIEF
TO SUGAR WORKERS.
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